



*Following Christ
Spreading the Word
Serving the Community*

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Intimations: Sunday, 19th November 2023

A very warm welcome to Kinross Parish Church

Here is the weekly calendar and notices. For any queries, please email the Church Office or leave a voice-message. Gatherings on Zoom - please contact the Church Office for information and link details.

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Today: Sunday, 19th November

9.15am PROMPT: Choir Practice in the Church

10.30am: Morning Worship. Mr Alan Fraser, Tearfund

Children's and young people's activities during the service. Refreshments and Fairtrade stall after worship

2.15pm: Church Social Walk to St Ninian's East (The Walnut Whip) and Loch Fitty from Blairadam, meeting at the Church car-park

3.00pm: Service starts at 3.30pm. Prisoners Week Service, Perth: Letham St Mark's

6.00pm: Time for Prayer on Zoom

6.00pm: Crossfire in the Church Centre

7.00pm: Sunday@7. Contemporary worship in the Upper Room in the Church. See Dates for your Diary

Catch-Up: Audio recordings of Sunday services on 01577 528270 line 1 or watch on YouTube or Facebook

Monday, 20th November

10.00am-12noon: Church Office open to visitors

1.45-4.00pm: Bridge in the Church

Tuesday, 21st November

10.00am: Stepping Stones for Under 5s and their carers. In the Church

11.30am: Funeral of Violet Henry at Dunfermline Crematorium

2.30pm: Tuesday House-group

Wednesday, 22nd November

9.30am: Monday House-group at Netherhall. Studies in the "I am" sayings of Jesus

11.15am: Midweek Service in the Church Centre led by Revd. Robert Calvert

1.30pm: Craft Group in the Church

7.45pm: Men's House-group in the Church Meeting Room – studies in Acts

8.00pm: Women's House-group

Thursday, 23rd November

10.30am: Thursday House-group

11.00am: Table Talk on Zoom. See the weekly email for the link to join in

Friday, 24th November

10.00am-12noon: Church Office open to visitors

1st Kinross Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association:

6.00-7.15pm: Anchor Section P1,2 and 3. 7.00-9.00pm: Junior Section P4,5 and 6

7.00-9.30pm Company Section P7-S3. 7.00-9.30pm: Senior Section S4,5 and 6

7.00pm: Live Music in aid of KYTHE in Milnathort Town Hall. See Dates for your Diary

Next Sunday, 26th November

9.15am PROMPT: Choir Practice in the Church

10.30am: Morning Worship. Genesis 21 & 22: Faith

Children's and young people's activities during the service. Refreshments and Fairtrade stall after worship

6.00pm: Time for Prayer on Zoom

6.00pm: Crossfire in the Church Centre

7.00pm: Sunday@7. Contemporary worship in the Upper Room in the Church. See Dates for your Diary

Monday, 27th November

7.00pm: Induction of Revd. Lis Stenhouse at Aberlady Church, East Lothian

7.30pm: Dungeons & Dragons Adult in the Church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Live Music in aid of KYTHE

Local band Open Waters are hosting a charity night of live music in support of KYTHE with 7 local acts on the bill. **Friday, 24th November** at Milnathort Town Hall

Doors open at 7pm. Tickets are £3 for under 18s and £5 for 18s and over. All welcome!

Dungeons & Dragons: You can sign up via the Church Office:

Adults: Mondays 7.30-9.30pm: 27th Nov. 4th Dec. **Youth:** Fridays 5.30-7.30pm: 1st & 15th Dec.

Sunday @ 7: NEW! A short, informal service of contemporary worship and bite-sized Bible teaching aimed at older teens, younger adults and those who work on Sunday mornings. However, everyone is very welcome, and there will be activities available for children.

Meeting in the Upper Room at Kinross Parish Church at 7pm on **19th November, 26th November, 3rd December and in the Reading Room at the Church Centre on 10th December.**

Refreshments will be served from 6.45pm. Afterwards, young people will be invited for snacks/drinks at the home of a member of the congregation from 8pm till 9pm.

The Big ADVENTure: will take place on **Saturday, 9th December** 1–4pm. There will be a series of different workshops that children can sign up for. More information nearer the time. If you would like to help on the day, please speak to Ruth R or email the Church Office. Thank you!



NEWS

Thank you: Thanks, from SSAFA, The Forces Charity: A thank you letter has been received from Lt Col (retired) Andy Middlemiss to thank us for 'all your help in letting us use your fabulous church for the SSAFA concert. We were delighted with the help you gave us at all levels - the venue is so perfect - and the full house resulted in us making £1200, which we are thrilled with'.

Kin-nections: The December 2023 Edition of *Kin-nections* is available in the Church today for collection by Pastoral Elders and those who distribute the magazine.

ARTS@St Paul's: Our friends at St Paul's, in Muirs, have been running exhibition weekends in their hall for local artists and makers which are so good the King visited! They are on Saturdays and Sundays from 10am - 4pm with the remaining weekends being 25 & 26 November, and 9 & 10 December. Different artists each weekend.

PARISH GROUPING:

Presbytery Approval: The new Presbytery of Perth has formally agreed to the Parish Grouping proposals for Kinross-shire.

Steering Group: The Steering Group for the Parish Grouping met on 28th October. The group consists of the Ministers and Session Clerks from the four congregations. The union of Cleish and Fossoway is in progress, with paperwork presented to the Presbytery. With Revd. Lis Stenhouse leaving Cleish and Fossoway, it was agreed that there was a need for Presbytery involvement given the change in circumstances.

PRESBYTERY:

NEW: A Summary of the Meeting of the Presbytery of Perth on 7th November:

Confessions of Faith: Presbytery overwhelmingly agreed to a proposal from the General Assembly to enlarge our single Westminster Confession to a Book of Confessions. This will include the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, as 'containing the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith'. The Westminster Confession will continue to be included and the Scots Confession and the General Assembly's Statement of Faith of 1992 will also be added, so that 'the Reformed character of the Church of Scotland will be maintained'. Rev Austin Wicks came to us from the Presbyterian Church (USA) which uses a similar Book of Confessions, including the Scots Confession written primarily by John Knox.

Because of the importance of this change, the proposal is progressing through the unusual 'double Barrier Act' procedure. It has to be approved by a majority of Presbyteries **and** a majority of Presbyters before it can be confirmed by the General Assembly. If the Assembly introduces any changes it has to be re-approved by Presbyteries and Presbyters.

NEW: Mission: Revd. Beverly Stephenson has been appointed as Mission Project Co-ordinator for the Stirling area. Presbytery disbursed £35,000 in grants in 2023 to mission projects and has set aside £50,000 for 2024. Presbytery supported four congregations which have applied for national 'Seeds for Growth' funding, including the application by Kinross Parish Church for a KYTHE youth minister.

NEW: Unions: Presbytery approved several unions in accordance with the Presbytery Mission Plan. One is a union between four congregations in Dundee to form a team ministry – all the church buildings are to be sold and the new congregation will use existing community facilities instead.

NEW: Revd. Lis Stenhouse: Presbytery noted that Lis had been elected minister to Gullane and Aberlady in East Lothian and thanked her for her Ministry at our neighbours of Cleish linked with Fossoway and for her recent additional service as Interim Moderator at Abernethy, Dron and Arngask.

NEW: Arngask (Glenfarg): Permission has been granted to sell this church, in accordance with the Kinross-shire Parish Grouping proposal.

NEW: Prisoners' Week and Social Care Sunday: Presbytery heard from those who are involved in prison chaplaincy and at the visitors centre run by CrossReach at Perth prison. This tied in with Social Care Sunday for CrossReach this Sunday, 19th November, and the start of Prisoners Week Scotland, also this Sunday. The National Launch for Prisoners Week is this year in the Presbytery of Perth, at **Perth: Letham St. Mark's, Sunday 19th from 3pm - 5pm** with the service starting at 3.30pm and we are encouraged to attend. There are five prisons in Perth Presbytery, and this is an opportunity to remind folk of these prisoners and those who help them - and to respond to Jesus's words 'I was in prison, and you visited me'.

NEW: Job Opportunity: Perth North Church are recruiting a part-time secretary/office coordinator – 3 hours each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Closing date is **Thursday, 30th November**. Details: [2023 PNC Advertisement for Secretary and Office Co-ordinator.docx](#)

Mission Action Training - RESCHEDULED. The Leading Worship course has been postponed to Saturdays 10th and 24th February and 9th March. The one-day course on Eldership Now is still being held on **25th November**. These courses are held in Perth. If interested contact Alex Rae: fourraes@btinternet.com

Scottish Interfaith Week: There will be an Interfaith Service at Stirling: Viewfield Church on **Sunday, 19th November** at 11am. Details: [Interfaith Event Poster](#).

Ordained Local Ministers: Brenda and Cathy, two of the Presbytery's ordained local ministers, based in Dundee, explain a little about OLM ministry in this three-minute video: [OLM Video](#)

Mission Plan Online: The Mission Plans for the new Presbytery of Perth have now been published on the presbytery website. You can find them [here](#). The relevant section for this area is in Perth, pp. 9&10

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND:

Moderator's Visit to Rome: The Moderator, Sally Foster-Fulton, visited Rome last week to meet with ecumenical and mission partners. She also met the Pope and they discussed, among other matters, the escalation of violence in Israel and Palestine and the war in Ukraine.

Last Sunday she preached at St. Andrew's Church of Scotland in Rome to induct a new minister there, Rev Tara Curlewis, who will also serve in a newly-created post of liaison officer to the Roman Catholic Church on behalf of the World Communion of Reformed Churches.

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[Prayer Points for week beginning 19th November](#)

Prayer Points will return next week.

Please keep His Reverence and other Leaders in your thoughts and prayers this week.

Amen